

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 STATE 047246

64

ORIGIN AF-06

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 AID-05 /012 R

DRAFTED BY AF/W:GADIES:MDL

APPROVED BY AF:JJBLAKE

AF/W:TWMSMITH

AFR/CWR:FGILBERT (SUB)

----- 027425

O 270047Z PEB 76

FM SECSTATE WASHDC

TO AMEMBASSY COTONOU IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 047246

FOR CHARGE FROM AF

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, DM, US

SUBJECT: COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM: VISIT OF S AND T REP PERERA

REF: (A) COTONOU 344; (B) STATE 40623; (C) ABIDJAN 1813

1. IN REFTEL (A) EMBASSY CONCURS IN VISIT OF S AND T REP PERERA TO COTONOU BEGINNING FEB 26 FOR PURPOSE DISCUSS-BRIDGE/DAM PROJECT WITH GPRB. REFTEL (B) ADVISES THAT DEPT IS CURRENTLY REVIEWING OPTIONS ON FUTURE OF OUR RELATIONS WITH BENIN, NONE OF WHICH CAN BE EXCLUDED AT THIS TIME. INCLUDED IN THESE OPTIONS IS SUSPENSION OF ASSISTANCE TO BENIN. ACCORDINGLY, QUESTION OF PERERA VISIT SHOULD HAVE BEEN REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DECISION IN LIGHT ALL RELEVANT FACTORS.

2. WE ASSUME FROM REF (C) THAT PERERA IS ALREADY IN COTONOU IF SO, EMBASSY SHOULD ADVISE HIM THAT USG IS AWAITING RESOLUTION OF HICKENLOOPER PROBLEM BEFORE REACHING DECISION ON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION. THEREFORE, PERERA SHOULD REFFAIN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 STATE 047246

FROM IMPLYING IN COHTACTS WITH GPRB OFFICIALS THAT USG HAS
MADE DECISION ON BRIDGE PROJECT OR THAT HIS VISIT IS OTHER
THAN TECHNICAL IN CHARACTER. CONSISTENT WITH THIS POSITION,
EMBASSY/AID OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ACCOMPANY PERERA
ON VISITS TO GPRB OFFICIALS. INGERSOLL

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

*** Current Handling Restrictions *** n/a

*** Current Classification *** CONFIDENTIAL

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: BRIDGES (STRUCTURES), DAMS, ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, PROGRAMS (PROJECTS), VISITS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 27 FEB 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976STATE047246
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: GADIES:MDL
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: D760073-0323
From: STATE
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760297/aaaageta.tel
Line Count: 70
Locator: TEXT ON MICROFILM, TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ORIGIN AF
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 COTONOU 344, 76 STATE 40623, 76 ABIDJAN 1813
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 22 JUN 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <22 JUN 2004 by greeneet>; APPROVED <05 OCT 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: <DBA CORRECTED> gwr 970922
Subject: COTONOU BRIDGE/DAM: VISIT OF S AND T REP PERERA
TAGS: EAID, DM, US, (PERERA)
To: COTONOU
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006